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Using Acts 435 at your Warm Welcome Space



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How Acts 435 can support your Warm Welcome Space

Giving volunteers another way to support guests

As you meet with individuals in your Space, building trust and relationship, you may find that they are struggling with a specific financial need that your Space is unable to support.

Strengthening relationships through practical help

Acts 435 provides a platform for you to crowdfund for the individual's specific need, and can help you to go the extra mile for those who access your Space, which can also help you to build relationship.

Increase the support your Space can offer without needing to use your own funds

Once you have posted the request onto the Acts 435 website individual donors are then able to give towards it. 100% of a donor's gift goes directly to meet the need, and once the funds are fully raised the money is sent to your Space's bank account for you to source the item for/with the individual.



Free, quick and easy

There is no cost to partnering with Acts 435, and once you've signed up (just one form is required!), you can start posting requests for help onto the website. To add a request you fill out a simple form, and send it through to the Acts 435 team to set it live on the website.

A screenshot of the Acts 435 website showing the 'Create a new request' form. The form includes fields for 'Request', 'Amount', and 'Needed for'. It also has a section for 'Tell your story' and a note about confidentiality. The form is partially filled out with an example request for a washing machine.

Create a new request

Please complete the form below to add a request.

Request

Please use clear language, avoid acronyms, and tell their story whilst maintaining confidentiality.

Amount*

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Needed for*

Needed for*

Example: £50 needed for a new washing machine.

This request will be a contribution towards a larger need amount

Tell your story*

Please include enough information to enable donors to connect with the applicant and understand why their financial help is needed.

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"Every night I lay in my bed and feel like I am getting a warm hug from all the people that helped towards getting these items for me."

Samantha, Acts 435 Recipient

"I really can't thank you enough for enabling me to eat and sleep properly with dignity."

Jack, Acts 435 Recipient

Acts 435 @ The Old Fire Station, Leeds



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"It sounded too good to be true...but it really has been that straightforward!"

Fran, The Old Fire Station, Gipton

"At the moment, most of the requests are focused on keeping people warm - things like heating blankets and heated hoodies - because people simply can't afford to keep their heating on."

Anne-Marie, The Old Fire Station,
Gipton

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What is Act 435?

Acts 435 is a resource for partners to find funding for the specific needs of those that they are meeting and supporting.

We partner with a network of around 670 churches and local charities who are enabled to meet the specific needs of individuals and families in their communities.

These needs might be a bed for someone who was sleeping on the floor, a buss pass for someone just starting a new job with no income yet, or school uniform for a child who has needed to move schools after escaping domestic violence. Each request can be for a maximum of £200.

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Acts 435 and Warm Welcome

Warm Welcome and Acts 435 have been partnered since the cost-of-living crisis in 2022.

Acts 435 is partnered with many Warm Welcome spaces around the UK, which are providing different forms of support, activities and refreshments. However, they're all providing a warm welcome, connection and relationship.

In our experince from current Acts 435 Warm Welcome partners their sessions help to build trust and friendships, which can often provide a way to spot a need someone has.

Acts 435 has provided Spaces with the ability to crowdfund on their website for someone's need. This can enable them to support people further, build on relationships, and help them to find hope in often difficult situations.

What can we ask for?

Acts 435 is all about providing a small gift when someone needs it most.

You can post requests for essential items, whether this is a practical need or something that will improve someone's wellbeing.

Our current limit for requests is £200 and a household can apply up to three times for support within a three year period.

People have been helped with a bed, school shoes, a cooker, a new tooth, a train fare, job interview clothes, gas and electric top-ups, carpets – the list is almost endless!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will it take up a lot of my time?

No, it won't! Acts 435 is designed to be quick and easy – a resource to help you meet people's needs, not an administrative burden.

Each request can be posted online in less than five minutes. Once the money has been raised, it is given to your organisation to help the individual source the item; either in vouchers, ordering online or shopping with them (we do not allow you to give cash or bank transfer).

HOW TO POST A REQUEST

How much does it cost to use Acts 435?

Acts 435 is free to use and 100% of the money donated directly goes to the individuals' requests.

We use the Gift Aid claimed on each donation to cover our card processing and administration costs, as well as sustain our small staff team who all work part-time.

How can we start using Acts 435?

Firstly you will need to sign-up your Warm Welcome Space as a partner. To partner with Acts 435 you need to have either a registered charity number

registered charity number to partner with us.

When you sign-up you need to nominate someone as your Advocate. This Advocate will be the person who represents Acts 435 in your organisation and who posts any requests onto our website.

They could be a staff member or a volunteer. You can also have more than one Advocate if you need.

PARTNER WITH US

MORE INFO

In Summary

Acts 435 is a free simple way to provide extra support for the individuals who are accessing your Warm Welcome Space.

Your Acts 435 Advocate can post requests on behalf of those that have a genuine need; they do this through an online Partner Dashboard, which is quick and easy.

Requests can be for any amount, up to a maximum of £200, for items that will make a difference to someone experiencing poverty, facing hardship or crisis.

Once the funds are raised they are given to your organisation to help the individual to source the item they need, and the Advocate needs to provide a small amount of information to let us, and our donors, know that the request was successful in bringing hope, releasing a burden or simply meeting a desperate need.



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